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The Gateway Dulcimer Players perform. Pictured from left are: Flo Malone of Collinsville, Dottie Bennett of Lebanon, Karen Whisman of Mascoutah and Sharon Hargus of Highland. Holding microphones for the performers are Ginger Trucano of UMB Bank and Gene Kessler of Granite City.

Senior Celebration succeeds

4,000 attend Tuesday's event at Gateway Center

The sixth annual Senior Celebration, which brought an estimated 4,000 senior citizens to Collinsville on Tuesday, is being hailed a success. Seniors from all over Madison and St. Clair counties filed into Gateway Center all day for the event. Once inside, they could visit nearly 80 booths that offered

free food samples, literature or other information on senior services. More than 400 seniors took advantage of free health screenings, including those for diabetes in cholesterol. Others paid a nominal fee for a flu or pneumonia vaccine that were also available, officials said. The event, sponsored by UMB Bank, Memorial Hospital and Schnucks

Markets, also featured live entertainment. Among performers were the Silver Belles and a Beau, Bob Ellison and guest speaker Donn Johnson of KTRS-AM's Morning Drive. A Food Court, sponsored by Schnucks, passed out samples and gave seniors a look at healthier eating alternatives with a variety of cooking demonstrations.

City discusses Eagle Park annexation

Residents, Madison city officials met Friday

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Residents of Eagle Park Acres and Madison city officials had been set to meet Friday to discuss the possible annexation of the area by the city. The meeting follows a heated debate on the annexation at Tuesday's City Council meeting. During the

debate, two motions made by Alderman Norris Horton and seconded by Alderman Roshelle Williams-Gardner, both representing the predominantly black 4th Ward, were shot down. There have been recent informal meetings between city officials and Eagle Park residents, and Mayor John Hamm said the major issue is whether the city can provide services while maintaining its budget. But Horton said the issue is race.

Eagle Park Acres is a predominantly black community of about 700 people, according to the 1990 census. It is surrounded on three sides by Madison, and on the fourth side by Venice. A number of Eagle Park residents attended Tuesday's Council meeting. Isabel Crawford, secretary of Concerned Citizens of Eagle Park, asked the Council if it would consider

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Baker sentenced to 15 years

Fantasyland owner found guilty of money laundering

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Fantasyland owner Everett O. Baker, 60, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on federal money laundering charges Thursday. In addition to the prison sentence, U.S. District Judge William Stiehl ordered that

Baker forfeit \$4.4 million in profits from his sex businesses, as well as the Fantasyland complex in Brooklyn. On Thursday, U.S. marshals closed the complex, which included the Fantasyland Massage Parlor, nightclub, bookstore and theater-arcade. In December Baker had been found guilty of 15 counts of money laundering.

one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 involving proceeds of unlawful activity in connection with prostitution at the Fantasyland complex. Prosecutors said that between 1990 and April 7, 1997, Baker laundered in

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New golf course planned for island

Chouteau/Chain of Rocks development on schedule for 2004 opening

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Officials with the city of Madison and Trailnet Inc. are optimistic that people will be able to play golf on a new course at the Chain of Rocks Landfill by 2004. Madison Mayor John Hamm and Gene Matlock of Trailnet talked about the Chouteau Island project at Wednesday's Granite City Rotary Club Action Prayer Breakfast. A proposed \$23 million redevelopment of the island as a recreational area and nature preserve is being planned that would include a golf course on the landfill, which is scheduled to close by 2001. "It looks like it's moving forward," Hamm said. In late August, officials

"We had always been looking for ways to attract people to the bridge."

Gene Matlock
 Trailnet, Inc.

from more than 39 state, federal and local governmental agencies, as well as private organizations, met in Madison to talk about the project. In conjunction with other trail and recreational projects, he said it could bring large numbers of tourists into the area. The 2004 date is important

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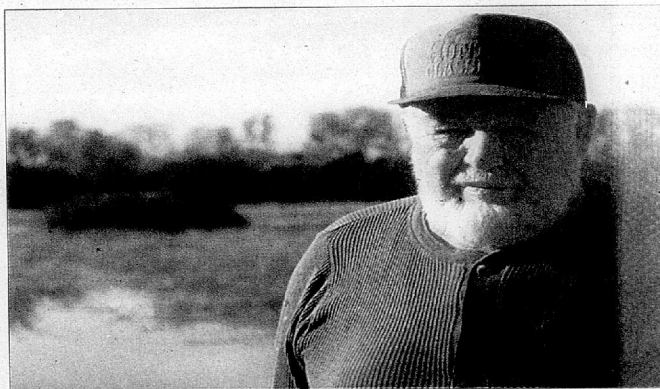
Man seeks cooperation to shut down blind 16

Resident says shots fired can end up in subdivision across from Illinois 111

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

Joe Becker doesn't need a bulletproof vest, but he does need the cooperation of officials from Horseshoe Lake State Park to stop duck hunters from shooting into his yard and those of his neighbors. Duck hunting season began Saturday and will not end until Dec. 21. That means for the next two months about 15 residences along Illinois 111 near Sand Prairie Lane will be barraged with shots coming from one of 26 blinds if officials are unable to solve the problem. Becker, 74, is angry about one blind in particular—No. 16, which is about 300 yards west of his house at 2910 Illinois 111. When hunters fire eastward, the wind often blows the shots over the trees, across the highway and toward the houses. "It's very dangerous."

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Joe Becker stands behind the field where he says duck hunters will sometimes fire shots into his yard and his neighbors'.

Mike Heil photo

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News

Christmas in April to rehab its own future home

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Tri-City chapter of Christmas in April is using its original tax increment financing district and creating a new residential district were approved by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

The original TIF includes Gateway International Raceway and the commercial/industrial property in the southern part of the city. The expansion covers property annexed into the city since the first expansion of the TIF.

The residential TIF will include the East Madison and Cloverleaf areas, as well as the present Third Street ball diamond property, the old Laclede Steel plant and Kerr-McGee. The city is planning to put a new fire station at the Third Street diamond.

In a related matter, the council approved vacating Highland Avenue and alleys from Alton Avenue to east of Highland between Second and Third streets.

The council also opened bids for a new truck to be used by the Street Department. Bids on the vehicle were in the \$16,000 to \$19,000 range and were referred to the Street Department for study.

In other action, the council approved an ordinance creating a handicapped parking space at 1819 Edwardsville Road and also approved allowing the city's fire trucks to be on the street from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 in conjunction with trick-or-treating hours.

Madison Mayor John Hamm also announced that the city would be participating in a neighborhood cleanup in Eagle Park Acres. Residents may take bulky junk and debris to a waste dumpster at 208 Watson for disposal Nov. 1-8.

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reverts back to the city. On the other hand, if the chapter occupies the building for more than 10 years, the city must relinquish all rights to it.

Also, as soon as the title is handed over, the city will not be responsible for the building and will be able to mandate what action to take if the organization decides to sell it.

Judy Moss, president of the chapter, said she has no problems with the agreement and is looking forward to moving into the building. "The agreement is fair and productive for us," Moss said. "We didn't have a home to work from. Now we will have our own office to improve our program."

The organization, which will spend about \$50,000 to rehab the property, has been renting office space, Moss said, but must have its own to qualify for grants because Christmas in April is a non-profit organization that rehabs homes for the disabled, elderly and low-income people.

This year, the chapter rehabbed 17 homes. Next year, it plans to rehab 19. Since the organization was founded in 1983, 85 homes have been rehabbed at an estimated cost of about \$80,000. The national organization was founded in 1973 in Midland, Texas, to help low-income people living in west Texas rehab their homes.

Madison considers parking changes

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Council may be considering

changing parking regulations along Madison Avenue sometime in the near future. At the request of Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo, the Council's Legislative Committee will consider changing the one-hour parking limit on Madison Avenue.

The limits are in place so business owners can have a place for customers to park, but Skoklo said the time limit forces the police to write tickets at night to residents who have no off-street parking.

"Quite a few people were irate about it," he said of tickets written last week. "Something needs to be done

to make it fair to everybody. It's something the aldermen need to look at."

One suggestion was to limit parking to one hour during normal business hours but lift the restrictions at night.

The matter was referred to the Legislative Committee.

In another police matter, the council approved spending \$2,000 to match a U.S. Department of Justice grant for body armor for police officers.

Skoklo said the grant and the city's matching portion will pay for about nine vests. "We originally applied for 11, but they didn't fund us the full amount," he said. Skoklo added that they might be able to receive additional funding if there is federal money available.

The vests, which must be fitted to each individual officer, have already been ordered.

Madison Council approves new TIF expansion

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News

Police blotter

Granite City

Vehicle burglaries: Two of three auto burglaries that were reported Thursday to authorities occurred on Jill Avenue.

According to a police report, a 1994 Chevrolet truck was broken into after 6:30 p.m. in the 3100 block of Jill. A checkbook and credit cards were allegedly stolen from a glove compartment.

The other auto burglary, the report stated, also occurred in the 3100 block of Jill about the same time. A drill, jig saw and a dremel ether were stolen. The report did not mention the model, year or make of the vehicle. Neither of the vehicles was reported damaged. The report stated that entry was gained by the way of unlocked doors.

In addition, a vehicle burglary occurred between Thursday evening and Friday morning at American Auto Sales on Nameoki Road. The police report stated that an AM/FM stereo and a car battery were stolen from a 1998 Dodge Aries. Police have closed its investigation into each case.

Disorderly conduct:

Larry D. Harvey, 24, of Granite City was charged Friday with disorderly conduct for an incident that occurred early Friday morning at O'Connell's Pub on Washington Avenue.

According to a police report, Harvey allegedly was yelling at and shoving patrons and attempted to strike a patrol with a bar stool about 12:40 a.m.

Miscellaneous: Police are investigating an incident that occurred in the 1600 block of Madison Avenue Wednesday evening.

According to a police report, a woman, 41, was allegedly soliciting for sex in the area and allegedly had drug paraphernalia on her. Police are seeking prostitution charges against her as well as unlawful possession of controlled substance charges, pending lab results.

Pontoon Beach

Roger Dale Yenko, 50, of St. Louis was charged with theft in regard to an incident that occurred Thursday. Police are awaiting lab results for a possible unlawful possession of a controlled substance charge in regard to a 20-year-old Altman man.

Venice

Drug charges: Two men face drug-related charges after being arrested near the Venice Homes Thursday.

Clayton H. Harris, 21, of the 700 block of Madison Avenue, Madison, was charged with criminal trespass to state supported land. He also faces charges of illegal possession of cannabis with intent to distribute.

At the time of his arrest, police confiscated a bag of suspected marijuana from Harris. Victor Miller, 23, of Venice Homes, was charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia after police found a crack pipe in the possession, and additional charges of unlawful possession of a controlled substance are pending. Harris' analysis of the residue on the pipe.

Taquán A. Bell, 21, of the 1000 block of Third Street, Venice, was charged with criminal trespass to state supported land.

According to reports, an officer patrolling the Venice Homes area noticed the man loitering around a blue 1996 Oldsmobile in the Circle Drive. When one of the men spotted the officer, he yelled at the officer who all got into the car and fled. Police stopped the car a few blocks away.

When officers asked if they had weapons or drugs in the car, Harris allegedly told them he had marijuana in his front pocket, and that he had been selling it.

Police also confiscated \$160 cash from Harris.

Burglary/stolen gun: Nothing was taken in an apartment attempted burglary of a Venice grocery store, but police recovered a stolen pistol from a store employee said he bought from an unidentified man several months ago.

According to reports, police responded to an alarm at the New Market, 87 Bascom Ave., at about 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

When they arrived, police found a window on the south side of the building had been broken. A search of the store showed that nothing had been taken or damaged, but police found a loaded 9mm pistol and saved-off shotgun in a room behind the counter. A record check revealed the pistol had been reported stolen out of Belleville.

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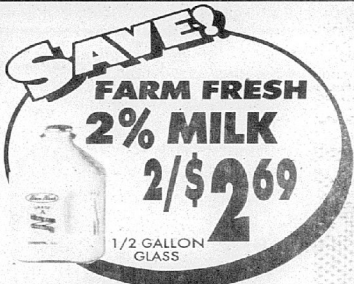
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Obituaries

Angeleen Badgley

ANGELEEN A. "ANGIE" (ZAMARONI) BADGLEY, 100, of Collinsville, died at 12:23 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Nov. 8, 1898, in Collinsville. Mrs. Badgley was a member of Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Fairview Heights and the Church of God in Collinsville.

She is survived by a daughter, Evelyn Popok of Collinsville; a brother, Tony Zamaroni of Collinsville; three grandchildren, Donnie Popok, John Popok and Robin Popok; two great-grandsons, Bill and Dennis Popok Jr., and a great-granddaughter, Matthew Popok.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John J. Badgley, whom she married on Dec. 24, 1921. Her parents, Anthony and Rose (Colone) Zamaroni; two brothers, Leo and Albert Zamaroni; three sisters, Rose Zurovski, Louise Jack and Mary Ullman; a stepson, William Badgley; and a granddaughter, Bobbi Ann Popok.

Funeral services were held at Herbert A. Kasky Funeral Home in Collinsville, with the Rev. Kerry Courtney officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville. Memorials may be made to Church of God.

Gladys Bell

GLADYS L. (PRANGE) BELL, 70, of Granite City, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born in Ulm, Ark. Mrs. Bell was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Charles K. Bell Jr. of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Flora Prange.

Visitation will be at 3 p.m. today, Sunday, at Kuts Funeral Home in South County, Mo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the same home. Burial will be in Blue River Cemetery in Detroit, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Sophia Clemons

SOPHIA (CHRISTOFF) CLEMONS, 78, of Madison, died at 3:28 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Jan. 23, 1921, in Troy, Mo. Mrs. Clemons was an assembler for J.C. Christian for 20 years.

She is survived by three sons, William Becker of Madison, Fred Becker of Granite City and Raymond Clemons of Sturgis, Mo.; two sisters, Stella Hogue of Seward and Dorothy Parker of Granite City; two grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Becker; her second husband, Edward Clemons; her parents, Christ K. and Mary (Hummer) Christoff; and two brothers, George Christoff and Nick Christoff.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the chapel, with the Rev. Francis Tebananga officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Frances Daech

FRANCES LOUISE (BAKER) DAECH, 48, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 5, 1951. She is survived by her parents, Henry and Lola Baker of Alton, Mo.; a daughter, Dena Wallace of West Plains, Mo.; and a brother, Donald Baker of Granite City.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 16, at Clary Funeral Homes Chapel in

Alton, Mo., with the Rev. John Casey officiating. Burial was in Bailey Cemetery.

Margaret Jirauch

MARGARET M. (THOMAS) JIRAUCH, 96, of Granite City, died at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Jan. 22, 1903, in St. Louis. She was a member of Ladies Sodality and Legion of Mary of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St. Louis.

She is survived by a daughter, Sister Mary Thomas, CDP, of Granite City; and a brother, Bob Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton B. Jirauch; her parents, Charles F. and Josephine (Kuerschen) Thomas; a daughter, Joan Ellsworth; a brother, David Thomas; and a sister, Charlotte Madden.

Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Thomas Mortuary in Granite City and Gebken Benz Mortuary in St. Louis handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County or Sisters of Divine Providence.

Denise Kirkover

DENISE L. KIRKOVER, 28, of Mitchell, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Aug. 3, 1971, in Granite City. Miss Kirkover was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her parents, Herbert L. and Stella D. (Vivient) Kirkover; three sons, Cody Boyles and Brandon Kirkover, both of Mitchell; a daughter, Chelsea Kirkover of Mitchell; three brothers, Denis Kirkover of Pontoon Beach, Kenneth Kirkover of Maryville and Robert Kirkover of Granite City; and a sister, Alice Hodgson of Potosi.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be in New St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Laura Ingram

LAURA GLEE MYRICK-INGRAM, 76, of Bolleville, died Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at her residence.

She was born March 20, 1923, in Elkhart, Kan. Mrs. Ingram was a homemaker.

She is survived by three daughters, Judy Nelson of Sidney, Neb., Sherry Klass of Freeburg and Melanie McCoy of Troy; a son, Richard Ingram of Granite City; a sister, Lois Heredia of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Gale Myrick of Medford, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl L. Myrick and Mabel L. Myrick-Sanders; and a brother, Donald Myrick.

Visitation will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. today, Sunday, at Baldus-Radden Funeral Home in Bolleville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the chapel, with the Rev. Francis Tebananga officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

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Ernestine Pashea

ERNESTINE C. (RAMSEY) PASHEA, 81, of O'Fallon, died Friday, Oct. 22, 1999, at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis.

She was born June 14, 1918, in Granite City. Mrs. Pashea was a homemaker and member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

She is survived by three daughters, Dolores Loyd of Granite City, Theresa Pashea of O'Fallon and Ann Leonard of Los Angeles; five

sons, Orny Pashea Jr., of Greenville, Ind., Dale Pashea of St. Albion, Mo., Joseph Pashea of Collinsville, Mark Pashea of Granite City and Paul Pashea of Carls, a sister, Sister Dolores Marie Ramsey of Dallas; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orny Martin Anthony Sr.; her parents, Rufus and Isabelle Muren; two brothers, Bill Ramsey and Rufus Ramsey; and a grandson, Brian Pashea.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. William Fisher-Keller officiating.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

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First of all, roses are harder than many people think, especially those that enter the winter in a healthy condition. But, it's recommended that roses in regions where the temperature can occasionally drop down to 15°F will need some sort of protection.

Here's a rather interesting fact. The cold temperatures by themselves are not entirely to blame for winter injury to roses. A great deal of the damage results from temperature fluctuations. A nice warm spell followed by a sudden cold snap is one of the major culprits. And since you never be absolutely certain what's going to happen from day to day, it's best to play it safe and protect the roses.

People all over the country protect their roses in different ways. The following is considered the accepted method.

After a couple of killing frosts, mound six to eight inches of soil over the canes. In addition, you should cover the canes with styrofoam rose cones or leaves or straw enclosed in chicken wire fence or plastic. But don't cover the plants until they're completely dormant. These protection measures should remain in place until the last spring frost and before new growth begins.

It's important not to delay removal of the soil mounds come spring. If you leave them too long, a good deal of damage can be done to the new growth.

What about container-grown roses? They need to be protected, too. An unheated garage will do fine in most cases. Although the garage can

get mighty nippy during the winter, it will offer plenty of protection for the roses.

Roses in balcony containers should be moved as close to the building as possible and covered with cloth or burlap.

Some Final Touches
It isn't too late to give your lawn a treatment of fall fertilizer. The lawn's just about ready to go dormant, and this feeding will give it everything it needs to get through its long winter nap. And it'll green up much faster next spring.

Don't forget about edging along the walks and drives. This will probably be the last time of the season to tackle this chore. It'll not only make your landscape look tidy, it can make snow removal easier. You'll have a straighter path to follow with the shovel or snow blower. A rough, jagged edge along your walk can cause the shovel or blower to gouge up the lawn during snow removal. Neat edges avoid the damage.

Speaking of snow, now's a good time to make sure your snow blower will be ready, willing and able to perform when it's called on. Make sure it's filled with fresh gasoline (mixed with oil in the proper proportions if necessary, check your owner's manual) and replace the spark plug if it needs it. Let it run a minute or two just to make sure everything works.

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Grocery store practice may be costing you money

Committee examines 'slotting'

By U.S. Sen. Kit Bond

There is a business practice in the grocery industry known as "slotting," which you may not have heard about, but it may be driving up the price of your groceries and limiting your choices at the grocery store.

Slotting is legal in some circumstances, illegal in other circumstances. The practice has developed more or less unchecked by the federal government and for the last 20 to 30 years - it appears, at least in some instances, to have taken a very wrong turn.

The term "slotting" refers to a payment or fee paid by a manufacturer simply to ensure placement of its products on store shelves. It often amounts to tens of thousands of dollars per product and per store in many cities. Many "slotting" deals also require the manufacturer to commit to costly advertising campaigns to raise consumer recognition of new products before they arrive on grocers' shelves.

Slotting fees are estimated to amount to as much as \$9 billion annually that changes hands in private, unwritten deals between grocery retailers and food and consumer goods manufacturers.

When large chain retailers demand up-front slotting payments, small-business-manufactured products are often excluded from the shelves simply because they cannot afford the excessive payments sought by some retailers. When slotting fees are paid, the quality of the product is often ignored. And the product's future sales depend solely on whether the small business pays the "slotting allowance."

Not only do up-front slotting fees act as a barrier to prevent small businesses from over getting their products sold, but existing products are being forced off the shelves by large dominant manufacturers simply because the dominant manufacturer can pay to exclude or remove their competition from the store.

Recently, the United States Senate Small Business Committee, which I chair, conducted an investigation into the practice of slotting.

It has not been easy to learn about the specifics of the practice of slotting allowances. It is practice cloaked in secrecy. Some of the individual small business owners that we spoke to during the course of this examination made the following comments: One food broker recommended to a small business that "offer to paint the retail buyer's house for free" as a means of gaining favor for his product. Another small business owner revealed that "I know for a fact that my competition is paying the lease on the buyer's BMW." And another small business owner was told to pay the child-care costs of the buyer if he wanted a chance to succeed.

Often, nothing is in writing between the manufacturer and

the retailer, and the amount of money paid in slotting fees is usually known only to the super-markets, their brokers and the distributors.

The Committee staff completed detailed interviews of more than 70 small businesses representing a broad spectrum of small manufacturers and all expressed considerable fear of retribution from chain retailers and dominant manufacturers. At a recent hearing held to highlight the practice of slotting, two of the witnesses who testified agreed to share their stories only after being granted complete anonymity for the hearing. The Small Business Committee is examining several proposals to combat these slotting practices that harm small manufacturers. We will also request that the Federal Trade Commission more aggressively investigate and prosecute unlawful slotting practices.



Grief a normal human response to loss

By Mark Wiegmann

When death enters our life, everyone reacts differently

I want to tell you a story. It's one I have read to my 3 1/2 year-old daughter over and over again. It's one of her favorites. It's a story about Winnie-the-Pooh who, while visiting Rabbit one day, eats too much honey and gets stuck in Rabbit's hole. Pooh finds that he is stuck halfway in and halfway out of Rabbit's hole, unable to move. Indeed, Pooh is stuck so tightly that he comments that he can't even sigh.

During this difficult time, Pooh asks if there might be someone who would spend some time with him, read him a story or offer some word of comfort to a "bear wedged in great tightness." Pooh didn't ask to be pulled out of his predicament. He didn't ask to be pushed back in. Pooh didn't need to be told that it was God's will that he had been stuck in the whole, and that God wouldn't have put him in the hole if He didn't think Pooh could handle it. He didn't ask for any solutions. He simply asked for someone who would be there for him as he struggles with his painful experience.

Now I want to tell you another story. I was the father of a brand-new beautiful baby boy. I had dreamed of this moment all of my life. I had eagerly awaited it. I had prayed for it. I was supposed to be happy, sharing my life with someone I loved, someone who loved me. But I wasn't. What should have been one of the best moments of my life was marred by anger, guilt, pain, confusion and overwhelming sadness. I felt a tightness in my chest, so tight I couldn't even sigh.

Death had entered my life. Nothing I did could stop it from stealing away one of my most precious treasures. I prayed. I

cried. I raged. I hoped. I bargained. I prayed and cried some more. I didn't know anything about medical procedures, the expertise of doctors, the effectiveness of prayer, or the will of God. What I did know is that someone who meant more to me than life itself was dead, and my world was consumed by an indescribable loss and sadness. I desperately needed to be held and offered some word of comfort. I needed someone to be there for me. As I think about my grief experience, and being stuck in a place I didn't want to be in, I find that Winnie-the-Pooh and I have a lot in common.

As we find ourselves "wedged in great tightness," or when we are spending time with someone else who is, it is important to understand that everyone grieves in his or her own unique way. It's also important to remember that grief needs expression - hopefully in healthy and healing ways.

We need to go to our grief if we are to get through our grief. The psalmist of the Old Testament echoes this sentiment when he tells us that though we walk through the valley of darkness we need fear no evil. These ancient words remind us that as we approach the dark valley of our grief, we must go through it. We cannot stand still in the middle of it. We cannot go over it or under it, nor can we go around it. These words also fill us with hope letting us know that we will make it through and come out the other side.

The work of grief requires tremendous energy and tremendous work. Loss and grief impact us emotionally, physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. The support of a good

and caring friend can be invaluable while we are working on our grieving process.

Unfortunately, trying to back away from the work of grief, or avoid it all together, is a common mistake in our society. It is not just the grieving person who tries to avoid those painful feelings of grief, but often well-meaning friends and family too. With the best of intentions, others may say things to the grieving person that might actually move them away from their grief instead of moving them towards it and through it.

When speaking with the bereaved, avoid the "shoulds." Statements like, "You should be over this by now," "You shouldn't keep yourself cooped up in the house," or "You shouldn't feel so bad, he's in Heaven now," do nothing to ease the pain of the grieving and may only confuse and hurt them further. There is no right way that people should grieve or feel. Often, these types of statements only speak to our grief and our discomfort with grieving.

Other things that grieving people hear that are not always comforting or helpful might include, "You'll feel better in a few months," "I'm not sure I'll ever make it through today," "You know, John never liked to see you cry" ("I can't help it, I feel like crying all the time"), "You're handling this so well" ("If you only knew, I'm falling apart inside"), "You should be glad he didn't suffer" ("That doesn't make me miss him any less"), "You really should get over him and get on with your life" ("I don't want to let go! He will be in my heart forever!"). All of these expressions are common to many bereaved people and the

mourner will struggle with these words, even though they know the person meant well.

We also need to understand that there are no time limits to grief - it takes as much time as is needed. In order to move through our grief, we need to let go of the belief that "time heals all wounds." Time, by itself, does nothing. It is what we do with time that makes all the difference. Remember that when someone is in great pain, it is not natural for us to expect him or her to be strong and handle things well. The natural thing is to hurt, to cry, to break down, and to feel our true feelings. So take the time to do what comes naturally!

It also helps to talk about the person who died, to use their name, and to reminisce. Most grieving people do not want to forget about the person they love, nor should they. It is O.K. for grievers to share their thoughts and memories and to reminisce. Try to understand that the relationship you had with your loved one has not ended - nor does it need to - but it has changed. Adjusting to that change is part of the work of grief.

Many grieving people feel that they have to be strong for various reasons, or that if they show their emotions it means there is something wrong or abnormal about them. Indeed, the emotions of grief can make you feel as if you are going to go crazy. But grief is a normal human reaction to loss. Try to find healing ways to experience and express the intense emotions of grief. Physical activities, hob-

bies, and creative endeavors like art, acting, or music can be productive and healthy ways to express grief. Crying can also be a relief. I've heard it said that tears are just emotions turned liquid. Sometimes people need to hear that it's O.K. to cry, that it's not to be angry, to be sad, to be afraid, and even to be happy.

Every grieving person needs to listen to the wisdom within them, and to follow their heart rather than society's convention about how they should act or feel. Honor that wisdom within each and every grieving person, whether it be yourself or someone else, so that they can eventually come to remember their loved ones with a gentle smile and a sense of peace. Grief is the process of forgetting our loved ones, but of remembering with less pain. Bear in mind that Winnie-the-Pooh finally got unstuck by taking the time to do what he needed to do, by resting, by listening to his friends, and by the support of his friends who stayed with him through it all, spent time with him, and offered words of comfort and understanding to a poor bear wedged in great tightness.

I hope my daughter wants to read Winnie-the-Pooh again tonight. Mark Wiegmann is a counselor at Alternatives Counseling, Inc. in Edwardsville. He is a member of the Association of Death Education and Counseling (the National Council of Hospice Professionals), and the American Counseling Association. For more information on the grief services offered at Alternatives Counseling, Inc., call 636-5161.

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"Actually I like any kind of music. I keep my station mostly on The River, but some country music doesn't hurt either. The only music I don't like is elevator music."

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Weekly

GATEWAY SOUNDS CHAPTER of Sweet Adelines meets for rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Collinsville Senior Citizens Center, 420 E. Main in Collinsville. Women who enjoy singing four-part harmony barbershop style are welcome to audition. For more information, call 345-4203, 345-1686 or 398-8553.

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SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA INC., Collinsville chapter, meets at 8 p.m. Mondays at American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia St.

TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS IL 2417 meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Calvary Lighthouse Church of God, 1205 W. Pontoon Road. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information, call Ann at 452-6102.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 8 p.m. Mondays at Second Baptist Church, 2103 Illinois Ave., Granite City. Call 876-2124.

TOPS IL 645 meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City. Call Mary Ann at 797-2146 for more information. Men and women welcome.

Bi-monthly

COLLINSVILLE AREA CAMERA CLUB meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Collinsville Area Recreation District office, 10 Gateway Drive, Eastport Plaza in Collinsville. For more information, call Doris Pearson at 345-4106.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Avenue in Granite City. Initiation is held the second Tuesday of each month and a social hour and refreshments follow the meetings. For more information, call Nina Jackson at 877-9808.

Monthly

JOB'S DAUGHTERS, BETHEL 43, meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland

Boulevard.

Miscellaneous

THE MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB has regular dance meetings twice each month, starting at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. The public is invited for dance lessons and open dancing at a cost of \$4 for non-members and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

THE SINGLES CONNECTION has scheduled the following activities: **SUNDAY:** Come and join us for Cards and Games Day in Edwardsville. Meet at Imo's Restaurant at 2 p.m. Bring your cards and favorite games. Call Felix for more information at 656-2063. **TUESDAY:** Wallyball at the Edwardsville YMCA at 7 p.m. Call Paul at 332-1731 for more information.

URBAN LEAGUE of Madison County offers the following programs at U.L. Health Care Services center, 500 Madison Ave., Madison. For more information, call 452-5394. **MONDAYS:** Walk-in pregnancy testing and prescription refills from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Milestones

Oct. 24

Cynthia Harrison turns 12
Toni Razzell turns 21
Jimmy Kostoff Jr. turns 51
Jennie Bogovich turns 11
Also celebrating birthdays: Tiffanie Albaugh and Julie Novogel

Celebrating an anniversary: Jesse and Bryce Warren, 46 years

Oct. 25

Celebrating an anniversary: Richard and Emma Portell, 52 years

Oct. 26

Sandra Shelby turns 35
Lalysia Williams turns 14
Monika Henry turns 10
Tom Knowland turns 26
Kenny Skipper turns 22
Kim Ross turns 43
Georgia Tompkins turns 48

Also celebrating a birthday: Patrick Davis

Celebrating an anniversary: Lewis and Doris Laboratory, 59 years

Oct. 27

Monica Lane turns 29
Jimmy Flora turns 7
Christopher Million turns 13

Also celebrating birthdays: Ginger Williamson, Mary Aowers, Arnold Bowers, Gerri Burns, and Casey Krakowicki
Celebrating an anniversary: Monty and Lori Osborn, 9 years

Oct. 28

Diane Curtin turns 43
Lula Wilford turns 74
Rev. Robert Rose turns 53
Phillip Cathay turns 41

Also celebrating a birthday: Brandon Kendall
Celebrating an anniversary: Keith and Pam Rowlett, 10 years

Oct. 29

Frank Hollenbeck turns 48
Tyler Jewell turns 6
Elmer White turns 63

Also celebrating a birthday: Jamie Kozak

Oct. 30

Tisha Sloan turns 26
Frank Hollenbeck turns 48
Emily Randall turns 15
Mariah Wampler turns 8

Also celebrating a birthday: Henry Mann
Celebrating an anniversary: Ida and David Gragg

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 219 N. Illinois, Belleville, 62220.

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Man seeks shutdown of duck blind

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Becker said. "It won't be an accident if one of the kids standing at the bus stop by Sand Prairie Lane gets injured by those flying shots."

Besides the shots, Becker's wife, Virginia, is concerned about noise pollution from shotgun blasts that rattle her windows and wake her and her husband up in the morning.

"It's a nightmare hearing

the guns go off," she said. "They're like an alarm clock."

Joe Becker met Wednesday with park officials regarding his complaints, but said he got little satisfaction.

"They said they'd work with me, but we'll see," Becker said. "All I want them to do is put a red tag on blind 16 to stop those hunters from shooting so nobody gets hurt. I don't care about the other blinds because they ain't hurting

anybody."

Ray Coleman, park superintendent, said he has asked hunters shooting from the blind to use BB size shots because they don't have the range to reach houses in the area.

Hunters' response, Coleman said, was positive, even though by law they would not legally have to change their shot.

Five years ago, the blind was moved from another area to where it is now.

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excess of \$8 million in prostitution proceeds derived from his massage parlor business. They also said Baker used proceeds from prostitution to make payments on a construction loan for the building, located at 208 N. Second St.

A jury found Baker guilty on all counts after a seven-week trial. He had originally been indicted in September 1997.

Highlights of the trial included testimony from the husband of one of the workers who barged in on her while she was performing a

sex act on another man, testimony from Brooklyn's mayor and police chief saying they didn't know prostitution was occurring at the business and accusations that Internal Revenue Service agent John Schuster attempted to coerce sex from Barbara DeClue of Kirkwood, Mo., one of Baker's employees.

At the sentencing hearing, W. Charles Grace, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, said government officials presented evidence showing that there was "no evidence" to back up DeClue's account.

"In fact, the investigation revealed that Schuster had a

credit card receipt showing that he was at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Fairview Heights at about the time DeClue alleged she had encountered Schuster in Brooklyn.

Stiehl said at the hearing that DeClue's testimony was "unbelievable and was the most egregious example of lying in his courtroom that he had ever experienced."

Baker's son, Edward Everett Johnson of Madison, who took control of the business in April 1997, had already pleaded guilty to and been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison on one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

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Madison officials debate Eagle Park annexation

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annexing the area. "We've been trying to get into Madison for about 20 years," she said.

Hamn told her that the city was compiling figures on how much the city would receive in additional revenue, compared to how much it would have to spend to provide services to the area.

He said the affect of the new tax increment financing district - which Eagle Park residents said they wanted to be included in - is also being calculated.

While there has been informal discussion about the fate of Eagle Park for years, the recent annexations of the predominantly white East Madison and Cloverleaf neighborhoods has generated interest.

Residents and Horton pointed out that the city has annexed and must provide service to areas to both the north and south of the city, while Eagle Park is closer.

Hamn pointed out that both the East Madison and Cloverleaf annexations were a different situation because the areas were both wholly

surrounded by the city and less than 60 acres. That allowed the city to annex the entire neighborhoods with a single ordinance.

Because Eagle Park is neither wholly surrounded or less than 60 acres, it would have to be brought in either by individual properties - which Hamn said would be very expensive - or by a referendum that would have to be approved by both Eagle Park and Madison residents. Hamn also said they were able to annex the other areas without having to increase manpower to provide services, but it would be necessary to add police and street department workers if they annexed Eagle Park.

Later in the meeting, Horton talked in favor of taking immediate action to annex the area.

He said annexing the area would increase the city's motor fuel tax fund, increase the tax base, give the city better opportunity to apply for grants, and give it a larger hiring pool.

Horton said the city has annexed a large amount of property that it now has to provide service for.

"If there is trouble at the

race track or the truck stop, they have to go past Eagle Park," he said.

Several aldermen argued that much of the property requires very few services, and that more time was needed to consider annexing such a large residential area.

Horton then made a motion to have the city engineer draw up legal specifications for the annexation of the area. That motion was voted down 5-2.

He then motioned that the city plan to add the area to the new TIF district now planned. That motion was voted down 4-3, with Alderman Michael Vrabec joining Horton and Williams-Gardner.

After the meeting, Horton said race was the major issue.

"I don't think they ever intend to because I feel they don't want too large of a minority community," he said.

"When they took in East Madison and Cloverleaf, were there any concerns about money?" he said. "Did anybody say how much it would cost?"

Chouteau golf course planned to open in 2004

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because large numbers of people are expected to come to the area because of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The renovation of the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge is about to enter its second phase and Matlock said other improvements to the island would attract even more tourists.

"We had always been looking for ways to attract people to the bridge," Matlock said.

The bridge is expected to be the centerpiece of the Confluence Greenway, a 40-mile trail system on both sides of the Mississippi River, which would also connect to trails in Madison and St. Clair counties and the Katy Trail in Missouri.

Matlock also said the bridge would also play an important role in the "millennium trail system," which is expected to be in place by 2004.

That is a system of 12 interconnected trails spanning the entire country. Matlock said four of those trails would intersect in the St. Louis area. Matlock added that more than 5,000 groups are working on various projects associated with

that trail system.

Matlock said the St. Louis region's trail system could be a major tourist attraction in the near future.

Even now, he said large numbers of tourists come to visit the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge because of its connections to Route 66. In many cases, he said they would come during the week, find out the bridge is only open on weekends and stay a few extra days.

Matlock also said the bridge is attracting tourists from as far away as Finland. By making Chouteau Island into a recreational area, Matlock said they would be able to attract even more people to the area.

Other improvements could include a \$6 million interchange on the island, allowing the Canal Bridge to be converted to bicycle and pedestrian use; a \$1.85 million 1,000-vehicle parking lot and RV camping area; \$500,000 for a replica of the original toll booth - which would be used as a museum and would house restrooms and other facilities; equestrian trails and stables; a boardwalk near the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge; a restaurant on the bridge itself; and an off-road vehicle area.

Under the proposed plan, the area north of Interstate 270 would be developed into a sports complex with adjacent greenspace for walking, bicycle and equestrian trails. A "supervised, regulated" area for off-road vehicles and motorcycles has been proposed in the area and camping facilities could also be located there.

South of I-270, the city is proposing the parking lot, an amphitheater, the golf course and equestrian and bicycle trails.

The southern portion of Chouteau - Mosenheim and Gabaret islands - would be "passive" recreation areas developed in conjunction with extensive ecological restoration.

Most of the immediate work would be near the bridge.

Matlock said for the golf course to be in place by 2004, they would have to find a developer and have a plan in place when the landfill closes.

The immediate concern for the city is securing the property. Waste Management Inc. and Madison County, which controls land bought out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the 1993 and 1996 floods, have agreed to give the city their property on the island

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Sports

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GCHS ends on high note

Warriors pin Southwestern Conference loss on Flyers

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City football team concluded its season in style.

PREP FOOTBALL

often and held on for a 23-12 home victory against the Flyers to close out the season.

After a lackluster first quarter by both teams, Granite City jumped on the scoreboard with a 36-yard field goal from Scott Pregelmeier with 9:46 to play in the first half. The Flyers came right back with a touchdown two minutes later. East St. Louis' Kevin Anderson set up the scoring drive by returning the kickoff to the Warriors' 32-yard line. Six plays later, Kewan Rogers scored on a 2-yard run. The PAT failed, and Granite trailed by three.

Granite City regained the lead with the help of an East St. Louis turnover and built the advantage with the assist of another turnover. Warriors senior defensive back Chris Kayich intercepted a Spragins pass and returned it to the end zone. He had stepped out of bounds at the Flyers' 33, but the Warriors were undaunted. Junior quarterback Jon Franko found classmate Andy MacTaggart for a 24-yard scoring strike. "There was a guy right in front of me," MacTaggart said. "It was a high pass, and I just had to make sure that I got high enough

"The coaches did a real good job of getting the kids ready and the kids did a really good job of learning."

Nick Petrillo
Granite City coach

to get it. I just grabbed it."

Spragins was intercepted on East St. Louis' next play from scrimmage by Eric Weinhoff. Granite City tailback Marty Graham then made the Flyers pay, scoring on a 33-yard burst down the right side. The Warriors missed the kick and led by 16-6 going into the half.

The turnovers continued in the second half for East Side, as Kendrick Jones fumbled the second-half kickoff. On Granite City's second play from scrimmage, Fred Beyrau took the pitch from Franko and executed a perfect halfback pass for 23 yards to MacTaggart in the end zone.

"That one was a little bit behind me," MacTaggart said. "I had to turn to my right to get it because I was running to my left."

The Flyers came to life on the first play of the fourth quarter. Dontrell Harriel took the screen pass from Kindall Lyons and split the center of the field for a 56-yard score. The Warriors were able to keep East off

the sheet the rest of the way and gain their third win in a row.

The key to the victory for the Warriors may have been game preparation. On defense especially, Granite City seemed to have an answer for everything the Flyers tried.

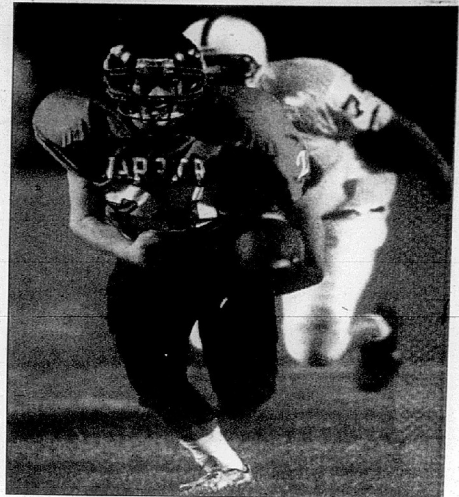
"I think we were real well prepared," Granite City coach Nick Petrillo said. "The coaches did a real good job of getting the kids ready and the kids did a really good job of learning. The one thing that we couldn't do is that we couldn't duplicate their quickness and speed. You could see that on the screen play when they scored. They have some great athleticism, and when they spread out the field we don't match up real well with that. But as long as we could contain them and put the rush on them from the outside we felt like we had a good shot."

Newman did just a fantastic job. Our defensive backs picked off three passes."

The Flyers had to accept blame for their own mistakes. "I think we hurt ourselves," East St. Louis coach Terry Hill said. "I thought we were men in the ball as the game went on. We started making mistakes. We threw one interception that almost went for a touchdown, one that went down to (the East 30-yard line). We had a couple of fumbles."

"So we hurt ourselves, as we have been doing all year. I don't think anyone but Edwardsville has really come out and beaten

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Josh Wright (27) runs up the field. The Warriors won their regular season finale Friday, upsetting East St. Louis. Granite City ended the season 3-6 overall and 3-3 in the SWC.

Granite City hits roadblock

Warriors play well but none advance past IHSA sectional

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City tennis ladies sent six representatives to the IHSA sectionals on Oct. 15 and 16, but none were able to advance through a murderous field to the Illinois State Tournament.

Beth Seibold and Kathryn Isom beat Deann Bush and Melina Oberschener from Wood River in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0 before

losing a three-set match to Alton Marquette's No. 1 team of Michelle Beiermann and Lindsay Kull, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6.

"Seibold and Isom played really well," Granite City coach Linda Ames said. "We thought they may have a chance to win that match, but their opponents were very strong. They hit the ball well, and they didn't get the breaks. That's the way it goes sometimes."

Julie LeMaster and Ashley Burdige beat Roxana's No. 1 pairing of Hilary Eatmon and Kara Scannell, 6-1, 7-6 but lost to Althoff's Erin Keefe and Lisa Hippkins in the second round.

"Julie and Ashley played really well," Ames said. "They came up against a pairing which was just a little bit stronger than they were from Althoff. They gave a good effort and played a good match. I was happy with their performance."

Jolene Harris got the Warriors only first-round bye, but she lost to Lissa Farquhar of Belleville West in straight sets in her only match.

"Jolene had a knee problem,

"We probably lost where, realistically, we should have."

Linda Ames
Granite City coach

but she was doing well in her return," Ames said. "She got the luck of the draw with a bye in the first round, but then she got unlucky by having to face the No. 1 player from Belleville West. She played as well as she could and hit the ball well."

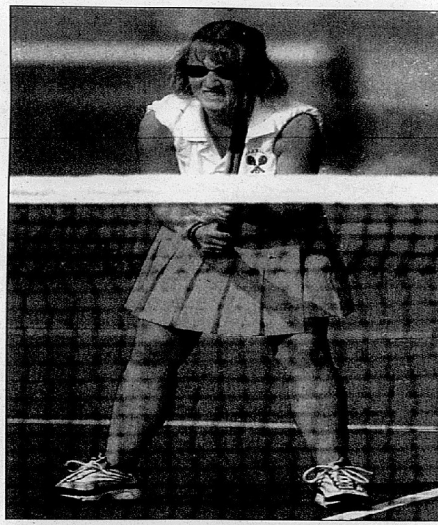
Freshman Tiffany Rath continued to impress. The Granite City rookie won her first-round match against Cabrera Estes of East St. Louis 7-5, 7-5 before losing to Jerseyville's No. 1 singles player, Lindsey Killian.

"Tiffany was the talk of the sectionals," Ames said. "A lot of people there were very impressed that a freshman could do so well. East St. Louis had a pretty strong No. 1 singles player, and though Tiffany didn't play as well as she can, she still won. She started playing better against the girl from Jerseyville, but she was a senior, and she had a lot more experience."

"Tiffany is still kind of a backboard player. We expect her to get even stronger as she gets older and gains more experience."

Overall, the sectionals were a step up for girls tennis in Granite City.

"I think we played well," Ames said. "We probably lost



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Beth Seibold (above) and Kathryn Isom beat Deann Bush and Melina Oberschener from Wood River in straight sets before losing to Alton Marquette's No. 1 team in IHSA sectional matches.

where, realistically, we should have. For us to go any further would have been an upset really. The girls played hard, and that was all that we could ask for. I was happy with the way they performed."

"You always want to go as far as you can, and that means making it to the state tournament. But you have to be realistic about these things, and the girls did a great job of realizing their potential."

Little lands gig with Ambush

Granite City High, SIUE alumus ready for rookie season in NPSL

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The St. Louis Ambush of the National Professional Soccer League have landed a Warrior.

Last week, Granite City High School and SIUE alumus Matt Little signed with the local indoor team. And don't let the name fool you — Little's game is anything but tiny.

"Matt really has the full package," said Ed Hunecke, head men's soccer coach at SIUE. "Offensively, he was the leading scorer for two years out of the midfield. He is a very good playmaker with very good accuracy. He was probably the most fit and the quickest player on the team. At the same time, he was able to defend. He had it all. It is not common for someone to excel in that many aspects of the game."

"We always feel good when players move up to the next level. Matt loves the sport, and he wants to continue playing. It is only natural for us to be very pleased when one of our players succeeds."

"I found out when (former Cougars teammate and Ambush player) Darren Snyder called me," Little said. "I am glad to be playing soccer, even though it's indoor and a lot different from outdoor. There are a lot of rule changes I have to get used to."

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Ed Hunecke
SIUE coach about Matt Little

Despite loads of talent, Little's journey to a professional career hasn't been perfectly smooth. Apparent openings in Major League Soccer's A-League fell through. Little's best friend, fellow Granite alum Shaun Petrosky, has spent the past three years in the German Bundesliga, but the avenue overseas has yet to open for Little.

"I had to go through a series of tryouts three weeks ago," Little said. "I worked out with the Columbus Crew for a while, but they already had their team. I would like to look into it again. I know Shaun likes it in Germany, and he tells me that it is a lot different living and playing over there. I have thought about it a few times, but I haven't gone over."

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Johnson finishes second in state tournament

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

A second-place finish by Columbia's Justin Johnson was the top performance among Metro East golfers at last week-end's IHSA state tournaments in Normal.

Johnson had a 36-hole total of 150 in the IHSA Class A boys tournament at Prairie Vista Golf Course. He shot a 3-over-par 74 in his first round on Oct. 15, then shot a 76 on Oct.

Columbia player tops Metro-East performers

16. Brian Anderson of Rochester shot a 74 on the second day to win the tournament with a score of 149.

In the Class AA boys tournament at The Den at Fox Creek, Edwardsville placed 13th with a score of 683. Tigers sophomore Brent Holmes shot a 77 on Friday, but shot 85 on Saturday and ended up in a tie for 14th with an overall score of 162.

Edwardsville's Andy Gwinup shot 78 in the first round, but shot 96 in the second round and tied for 20th with a score of 164. Rounding out the top four for the Tigers were Brett Zilka (178) and Bobby Lays (180).

Belleville West freshman Max Harries had a two-day total of 167 (84-83) and tied for 24th. Belleville East senior Brett Foley shot back-to-back rounds of 89 to finish at 178.

In the IHSA girls state tournament at the Illinois State University Golf Course, Alton Marquette freshman Mary Ellen Jacobs was the top Metro East golfer. Jacobs, who shot a 74 to tie for the first-round lead, shot an 83 on Saturday and placed fourth at 160.

Edwardsville's girls tied for 11th with a two-day total of 738. Tigers senior Brooke Pellock, who finished 10th last year, tied for 21st this year with a score of 170 (84-86).

Althoff junior Ashley Phillips placed 78th with a 191.

Sports

Columbia's Friedrich led Metro East in scoring during regular campaign

Eagles senior contributed 31 goal while outdueling former teammate

By Karen Vartanian
Staff Writer

Steve Friedrich capped a superb regular season by scoring Columbia High's only goal in a 1-1 tie against Monroe County rival Gibault on Wednesday.

Friedrich, a senior, finished the regular season as the Metro East leader in goals scored with 31 and total points with 72. He tied for third among Metro East leaders in assists with 10.

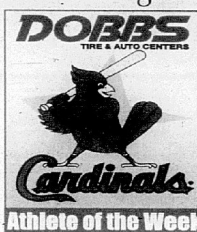
"When he has the opportunity, he's a phenomenal finisher," first-year Columbia coach Steve Ross said. "He has a great shot when he has the opening to release it. He's blessed with a lot of speed and quickness, which he uses to his advantage. He's able to make moves quickly in tight spaces—that aids his ability to score."

"Steve is creative and explosive. That's something you can't teach. You either have it or you don't."

Friedrich battled Gibault High's Matt Kaestner for the Metro East scoring lead all fall. Kaestner, also a senior, completed the regular campaign with 26 goals and nine assists for 61 points.

The two players actually know each other very well. Friedrich and Kaestner played together from select ball in kindergarten to being sophomores together at Gibault.

Friedrich transferred to Columbia following his sophomore soccer season at Gibault. Since then, Friedrich and Columbia owns a 3-1 head-to-head advantage against



Cardinals
Athlete of the Week

Kaestner

Columbia (8-10-1) and Gibault, which defeated the Eagles 5-3 behind Kaestner's four goals Oct. 16, still could meet in the IHSA Class A post-season this week.

Through all the battles, Friedrich and Kaestner have remained friends off the field.

"We're both pretty competitive," Friedrich said. "If he scores more than me, it does not frustrate me too much. I just like to get as many points as possible."

Friedrich has accumulated a lot of points in the last two seasons. As a junior, he notched 23 goals and added eight assists.

Ross said speed, quickness, determination, desire and heart make Friedrich dangerous.

"He's got a scorer's mentality," Ross said. "Anytime he wants the ball, he's one of the most aggressive players I've ever seen going after the ball."



Columbia's Steve Friedrich has 31 goals and 10 assists.

Boys soccer

Class AA
Edwardsville Sectional
Friday, Oct. 22
Game 1: Springfield Southeast (9) at Alton (8), 4 p.m. at Gordon Moore Park.
Game 2: Springfield Langhiar (10) at Belleville West (7), 4:30 p.m. at Belleville Area College.
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Game 3: Winner Game 1 at Edwardsville (1), 7 p.m.
Game 4: Collinsville (5) at Springfield (4), 7 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 at Granite City (2), 7 p.m.
Game 6: Belleville East (5) at O'Fallon (3), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 28
(at St. Edwardsville)
Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4, 5 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 6, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
(at SIUE)
Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. winner Game 8, 7:30 p.m.
Collinsville Super-Sectional
(at SIUE)
Tuesday, Nov. 2
Winner Edwardsville Sectional vs. winner Quincy Sectional, 7:30 p.m.

IHSA Class AA State Tournament
(at Wedgbury Soccer Complex, Loves Park)
Friday, Nov. 5
Quarterfinals
Game 1: Winner Willowbrook Super-Sectional vs. winner Collinsville Super-Sectional, 12:30 p.m.
Game 2: Winner Bloomington Super-Sectional vs. winner Rockton Henneghan Super-Sectional, 2:30 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Lyons Super-Sectional vs. winner Palatine Fremd Super-Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
Game 4: Winner New Trier Super-Sectional vs. winner Chicago Public League, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Semifinals
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 2, 9 a.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4, 11 a.m.

Third-place game
Loser Game 5 vs. loser Game 6, 5 p.m.
Championship
Winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 6, 7 p.m.
Class A
Columbia Sectional
Friday (Oct. 22) or Saturday (Oct. 23)
Game 1: Columbia (9) at Mater Del (8), 4:15 p.m.
Game 2: Central (12) at Waterloo (4), noon Saturday
Game 3: Westlin (12) at Mascoutah (5), 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
Game 4: Mount Carmel (10) at Central (7), 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 23
Game 5: Lebanon (11) at Gibault (6), 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24
Game 6: Winner Game 1 at Althoff (1), 7 p.m. at Ladern Park.
Game 7: Winner Game 2 vs. winner Game 3 (at higher seed), TBA.
Game 8: Winner Game 4 at Marion (2), 3 p.m.
Game 9: Winner Game 5 at Carbondale (3), 4 p.m. at Parrish Field.
Thursday, Oct. 28
(at Columbia Soccer Complex)
Game 10: Winner Game 6 vs. winner Game 7, 5:30 p.m.
Game 11: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Game 9, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
(at Columbia Soccer Complex)
Championship
Game 12: Winner Game 10 vs. winner Game 11, 4 p.m.

Alton Marquette Sectional
Friday (Oct. 22) or Saturday (Oct. 23)
Game 1: Alton (9) at Teutopolis (8), 4 p.m. Friday
Game 2: Olney (13) at Triad (4), 6 p.m. Friday
Game 3: Wood River (12) at Alton Marquette (5), 7 p.m. Friday at Gordon Moore Park.
Game 4: Effingham St. Anthony (10) at Metro East Lutheran (7), 4 p.m. Friday
Game 5: Cahokia (11) at Civic Memorial (6), 2 p.m. Saturday
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Game 1: Winner Game 1 at Highland (1), 7 p.m.
Game 2: Winner Game 2 vs. winner Game 3 (at higher seed), TBA.
Game 3: Winner Game 4 at Roxana (2), 4:15 p.m. at Roxana Park.
Game 4: Winner Game 5 at Greenville (3), 7 p.m. at Gordon Moore Park.
Thursday, Oct. 28
Game 5: Winner Game 6 vs. winner Game 7, 4:15 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Game 9, 6 p.m.

Class A State Tournament
At Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
Friday, Nov. 5
Quarterfinals
Game 1: Winner Woodstock Super-Sectional vs. winner Rochester Super-Sectional, 2:30 p.m.
Game 2: Winner Marquette Super-Sectional vs. winner Elmwood Park Super-Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Marquette Super-Sectional vs. winner new Lenox Providence Super-Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
Game 4: Winner Urbana Super-Sectional vs. winner East Peoria Super-Sectional, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Semifinals
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 2, 9 a.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4, 11 a.m.
Third-place game
Winner 7: Loser Game 5 vs. loser Game 6, 5 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Game 9, 7 p.m.

Class A State Tournament
At Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
Friday, Nov. 5
Quarterfinals
Game 1: Winner Woodstock Super-Sectional vs. winner Rochester Super-Sectional, 2:30 p.m.
Game 2: Winner Marquette Super-Sectional vs. winner Elmwood Park Super-Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Marquette Super-Sectional vs. winner new Lenox Providence Super-Sectional, 5:30 p.m.
Game 4: Winner Urbana Super-Sectional vs. winner East Peoria Super-Sectional, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Semifinals
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 2, 9 a.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4, 11 a.m.
Third-place game
Winner 7: Loser Game 5 vs. loser Game 6, 5 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Game 9, 7 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Class AA
Highland Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Highland (4) vs. Springfield Southeast (13), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Collinsville (5) vs. Springfield Sacred-Heart Griffin (12), 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Edwardsville Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Edwardsville (3) vs. Chatham Glenwood (14), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Effingham (8) vs. Jerseyville (11), 7:30 p.m.
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Jacksonville (1) vs. Springfield Langhiar (16), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Taylorville (8) vs. Alton (9), 7 p.m.
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Springfield Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Springfield (2) vs. Granite City (15), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Bethalto Civic Memorial (7) vs. Triad (10), 7:30 p.m.
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Springfield Sacred-Heart Griffin
Oct. 28
Match 1: Jacksonville Regional winner vs. Highland

Regional winner, 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Edwardsville Regional winner vs. Springfield Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.
Championship
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Belleville West Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Belleville West (1) vs. Cahokia (15), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Mascoutah (8) vs. Mount Vernon (9), 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Salem Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Salem (4) vs. Mt. Carmel (13), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: O'Fallon (5) vs. Marion (12), 7:30 p.m.
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Belleville East Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Belleville East (3) vs. Carbondale (14), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Murphysboro (6) vs. East St. Louis (11), 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Althoff Regional
Oct. 26
Match 1: Belleville West (2) vs. Olney East (15), 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Central (7) vs. Waterloo (10), 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.

Belleville West Sectional
Nov. 2
Match 1: Belleville West Regional winner vs. Salem Regional winner, 6:30 p.m.
Match 2: Belleville East Regional winner vs. Belleville Althoff Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.
Championship
Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 7 p.m.
Bethalto Civic Memorial Super-Sectional
Nov. 6
Belleville West Sectional winner vs. Springfield Sacred-Heart-Griffin winner, 7 p.m.
IHSA Class AA State Tournament
At Illinois State University's Redbird Arena
Nov. 12
Quarterfinals
Match 1: Rockford Super-Sectional winner vs. Galesburg Super-Sectional winner, 11 a.m.
Match 2: LaGrange Lyons Super-Sectional winner vs. Bethalto Civic Memorial Super-Sectional winner, noon
Match 3: Orland Park Sandburg Super-Sectional winner vs. St. Charles Super-Sectional winner, 6 p.m.
Match 4: Barrington Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League Super-Sectional winner, 7 p.m.
Nov. 13
Semifinals
Match 5: Winner match 1 vs. Winner match 2, 11 a.m.
Match 6: Winner match 3 vs. Winner match 4, noon
Third place
Loser match 5 vs. Loser match 6, 4:45 p.m.
Championship
Winner match 5 vs. Winner match 6, 7:30 p.m.

Prep football

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Belleville East

Head Coach: Mike McGinnis
1998 Record: 6-4 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 2345.00

8/26 7:30 H. Nollie, L 6-17
9/4 1:30 H. Cahokia, L 0-27
9/10 7:30 A. Greve Couer (Mo.) DeMet, L 0-44

9/17 7:30 A. Belleville West, L 13-22
9/25 1:30 H. Collinsville, L 22-27
10/1 7:30 A. Granite City, W 21-14
10/8 7:30 A. East St. Louis, W 34-26
10/15 7:30 H. Edwardsville, L 7-42
10/22 7:30 A. Alton

Belleville West

Head Coach: Dennis Sney
1998 Record: 0-9 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 2106.00

8/27 7:30 A. O'Fallon, L 20-34
9/3 7:30 A. Belleville Althoff, L 0-20
9/10 7:30 A. Collinsville, W 21-13
9/17 7:30 H. Belleville East, W 22-13
9/24 7:30 H. Alton, L 18-24
10/1 7:30 H. Edwardsville, L 14-49
10/8 7:30 H. Granite City, L 13-14 (OT)
10/15 7:30 A. East St. Louis, W 20-18
10/22 7:30 H. Triad

Collinsville

Head Coach: Tim Kane
1998 Record: 8-2 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 1849.14

8/27 7:00 A. Civic Memorial, L 0-15
9/3 7:30 H. Mascoutah, L 12-15
9/10 7:30 H. Belleville West, L 13-21
9/17 7:30 H. Granite City, W 14-6
9/25 1:30 A. Belleville East, W 22-45
10/1 7:30 A. East St. Louis, L 23-22
10/8 7:30 H. Alton, W 35-21
10/15 7:30 A. Cahokia, L 7-48
10/22 7:30 H. Edwardsville

East St. Louis

Head Coach: Terry Hill
1998 Record: 7-4 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 2334.00

8/28 1:30 H. Chicago Simeon, L 7-20
9/4 1:30 H. St. Louis Sumner, W 13-6
9/10 7:30 H. Alton, W 15-7
9/24 7:30 A. Edwardsville, L 0-28
9/24 7:30 H. Collinsville, W 45-23
10/8 7:30 H. Belleville East, L 26-34
10/15 7:30 H. Belleville West, L 18-20
10/22 7:30 A. Granite City

Edwardsville

Head Coach: Tim Dougherty
1998 Record: 9-1 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 2055.00

8/26 1:00 H. Chic. Gage Ph., W 47-12
9/3 7:30 H. St. Louis Naval Jr. ROTC, W 48-6
9/10 7:30 H. Granite City, W 28-0
9/17 7:30 A. Alton, W 48-14
9/24 7:30 H. East St. Louis, W 28-0
10/1 7:30 A. Belleville West, W 49-14
10/8 7:30 H. Springfield (Mo.) Glendale, W 34-6
10/15 7:30 A. Belleville East, W 42-7
10/22 7:30 A. Collinsville

Granite City

Head Coach: Nick Petrillo
1998 Record: 3-6 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 2411.00

8/27 7:30 A. Cahokia, L 0-7
9/3 7:30 H. Jerseyville, L 20-29
9/10 7:30 A. Edwardsville, L 0-28
9/17 7:30 A. Belleville Althoff, L 12-33
10/1 7:30 H. Belleville East, L 14-21
10/8 7:30 A. Belleville West, W 14-13 (OT)
10/15 7:30 A. Alton, W 21-14
10/22 7:30 H. East St. Louis

CAHOKIA CONFERENCE

Bessemer Central

Head Coach: Jim Falconio
1998 Record: 4-5 (Class 8A)
Football Enrollment: 540.00

8/27 7:30 A. Greenville, W 30-0
9/3 7:30 H. Freeburg, W 21-10
9/10 7:30 A. Dupu, L 13-19
9/17 7:30 A. Bessemer (Mater Del), L 0-22
9/24 7:30 A. Belleville, W 23-9
10/1 7:30 H. Red Bud, W 41-6
10/8 7:30 H. Carlyle, W 34-28
10/15 7:30 A. Rochester, L 8-23
10/22 7:30 H. Pinckneyville

Carlyle

Head Coach: Gary Wheeler
1998 Record: 4-5 (Class 2A)
Football Enrollment: 487.55

8/27 7:30 H. Vandalia, W 15-0
9/3 7:30 H. Perryville (Mo.) St. Vincent, L 14-21
9/10 7:30 A. Red Bud, W 28-0
9/17 7:30 H. Dupu, W 33-0
9/24 7:30 H. Freeburg, L 27-31
10/1 7:30 H. Bessemer Central, L 16-6
10/8 7:30 A. Bessemer Central, L 26-34
10/15 7:30 A. Dupu, L 12-14
10/22 7:30 H. Bessemer Mater Del, L 7-42

Dupo

Head Coach: Gary Mauser
1998 Record: 6-4 (Class 2A)
Football Enrollment: 412.36

8/27 7:00 H. Bessemer Valley, L 0-7
9/3 7:00 A. Newton, L 0-20
9/10 7:30 H. Bessemer Central, W 19-15
9/17 7:30 A. Carlyle, L 0-33
9/24 7:30 H. Red Bud, W 14-6
10/1 7:30 H. Freeburg, W 15-14

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bethalto Civic Memorial

Head Coach: Rick Reinhardt
1998 Record: 7-3 (Class 4A)
Football Enrollment: 968.21

8/27 7:00 H. Collinsville, W 15-0
9/3 7:30 A. Centralia, W 47-8
10/1 7:00 H. Effingham, W 19-3
9/17 7:00 H. Highland, W 28-13
9/24 7:00 A. Waterloo, W 40-7
10/1 7:00 A. Triad, W 34-10
10/8 7:00 H. Mascoutah, W 32-14
10/15 7:00 A. Jerseyville, L 0-13
10/22 7:00 H. Springfield Southeast

Highland

Head Coach: Mike Hooker
1998 Record: 1-4 (Class 4A)
Football Enrollment: 935.00

8/27 7:00 H. Chicago Or., W 70-0
9/3 7:00 A. Mount Zion, W 14-7
9/10 7:00 H. Centralia, L 14-35
9/17 7:00 A. Bethalto Civic Memorial, L 13-28
9/24 7:00 A. Triad, W 34-0
10/1 7:00 H. Jerseyville, L 13-14
10/8 7:00 H. Waterloo, W 49-10
10/15 7:00 A. Mascoutah, W 28-20 (OT)
10/22 7:00 H. Paris

Jerseyville

Head Coach: Bill Breiden
1998 Record: 9-2 (Class 4A)
Football Enrollment: 1083.57

8/27 7:30 H. Jacksonville, W 14-6
9/3 7:30 A. Granite City, W 29-20
9/10 7:30 A. Mount Vernon, W 21-7
9/17 7:30 H. Waterloo, W 57-8
9/24 7:00 H. Mascoutah, W 28-7
10/1 7:30 A. Highland, W 14-13
10/8 7:00 A. Triad, L 20-57
10/15 7:00 H. Bethalto Civic Memorial, W 19-0
10/23 1:00 H. Carbondale

Mascoutah

Head Coach: Chris Lindsay
1998 Record: 1-8 (Class 4A)
Football Enrollment: 949.00

8/27 7:30 H. Mount Vernon, L 18-35
9/3 7:30 A. Collinsville, W 15-12
9/10 7:30 H. Robinson, W 19-18
9/17 7:30 H. Triad, W 19-6
9/24 7:00 A. Jerseyville, L 7-25
10/1 7:00 H. Waterloo, W 29-14
10/8 7:00 A. Bethalto Civic Memorial, L 12-22
10/15 7:00 H. Highland, L 20-26 (OT)
10/22 7:30 A. Chatham Glenwood

Triad

Head Coach: Paul Bussler
1998 Record: 1-8 (Class 4A)
Football Enrollment: 1116.00

8/27 7:00 H. Marion, L 7-28
9/3 7:00 A. Effingham, L 19-42
9/10 7:00 H. Mount Zion, W 18-15
9/17 7:00 H. Mascoutah, L 6-19
9/24 7:00 H. Highland, L 0-34
10/1 7:00 H. Bethalto Civic Memorial, L 0-34
10/8 7:00 H. Jerseyville, L 20-57
10/15 7:00 A. Waterloo, W 27-0
10/22 7:30 A. Belleville West

INDEPENDENTS

Belleville Althoff

Head Coach: Glenn Schott
1998 Record: 5-4 (Class 4A)
Football Enrollment: 1035.93

8/27 7:30 H. Metamora, L 18-39
9/3 7:30 H. Belleville West, W 20-0
9/10 7:30 A. Cahokia, L 12-28
9/25 7:30 H. Granite City, W 33-12
10/1 7:30 A. Bessemer Mater Del, L 8-26
10/8 7:30 A. Jackson (Mo.), L 6-21
10/16 7:30 H. Poplar Bluff (Mo.), L 28-35
10/22 7:00 A. Springfield Sacred-Heart Griffin

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(Schedules provided by Illinois High School Association; scores provided by Sports Stats. Asterisks indicate conference games. All times listed are p.m.)

Tigers tear up Kahoks in SWC contest

Edwardsville ends regular season with perfect record

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Edwardsville needed just 16 seconds to blow open Friday night's Southwestern Conference game with Collinsville at Kahok Stadium.

The Tigers quickly marched 75 yards for a touchdown late in the sec-

ond quarter to answer a Collinsville score and increase their cushion to 14 points. Edwardsville went on to score 21 unanswered points in the second half en route to a 49-14 victory.

The Kahoks (3-6) had marched 70 yards on a 19-play drive that lasted 7 minutes 16 seconds and cut the Tigers' lead to 21-14. Collinsville senior full-back Cory Wilson capped the drive with a 3-yard run with 33

seconds remaining in the half. The Tigers, who finished the regular season 9-0 for the second straight year and claimed their second Southwestern Conference championship with a 9-0 mark, then took over on their own 25 with 26 seconds left.

On the first play from scrimmage, Tigers fullback Joe scampered 55 yards to the Kahoks 20. On the next play, Edwardsville quarterback Matt Allaria threw to wide receiver Blake Westra, who covered the last five yards of the 28-yard TD play. The two-play drive lasted 18 seconds.

"If we wouldn't have scored, they would have scored right before the half and they would have come out with all the momentum in the second half," Bevis said. "It was probably the key moment in the game."

Edwardsville coach Tim Dougherty thought the Tigers had seized the momentum earlier in the game when J.R. Ziegler blocked Chris Clevis' punt and Bevis snared the loose ball and scored from 11 yards

out. However, the Kahoks answered that with the 70-yard drive on their ensuing possession.

"The block punt really picked us up when we needed it because they had punched one in early," Dougherty said. "I think the key was the offense keeping their composure and driving it down there at the end of the half."

Collinsville struck first. After Edwardsville running back Travis Evans fumbled a pitch, Kahoks linebacker Derek LeMaster recovered at the Tigers 31.

LeMaster connected running back Eric Stewart on a 24-yard pass on third-and-6, setting up first-and-goal on the 3. Four plays later, LeMaster scored on a quarterback keeper. The tally marked the first time this season an opponent scored first against the Tigers.

Edwardsville tied the game 7-7 when it marched 67 yards in seven plays. Allaria capped the

"We obviously had some momentum there toward the end of the half and then we let them drive all the way down and get some momentum going in at halftime."

Tim Kane
Collinsville coach

drive with a 1-yard TD run.

After Collinsville's next possession stalled, the Tigers took over on their own 4 and moved the ball 96 yards in 12 plays. Allaria again scored on a keeper, breaking a tackle and covering 12 yards to give the Tigers a 14-7 lead.

Collinsville's ensuing drive ended with the blocked punt which gave Edwardsville a 21-7 lead.

But the Kahoks answered with their long scoring drive, their last of the season.

"We obviously had some momentum there toward the end of the half and then we let them drive all the way down and get some momentum going in at

halftime," Collinsville coach Tim Kane said. "We had moved the ball down and put it into the end zone and had some momentum and then we let them do that on us there in a very short period of time. That was not how we wanted to go into halftime."

They came out in the second half and really played well."

Edwardsville's second-half scoring parade started with Evans' 7-yard run with 3:44 remaining in the third quarter. Allaria and Westra connected on a 38-yard scoring strike with 4:49 remaining in the final quarter to put Edwardsville ahead 42-14. The Tigers closed out scoring on Ziegler's 5-yard run with 5:21 to play.

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Sports



Granite City graduate Matt Little is playing for the St. Louis Ambush professional team.

Little signs with St. Louis Ambush

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there yet."

But none of the tribulations will sour Little's enthusiasm for the game.

After two years at Western Illinois University, Little returned home to play for SIUE and coach Ed Huneeke. In Little's junior year, the Cougars went 18-2-1 and fell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. His senior year was less successful, as the injury-riddled team fell to 11-7-1.

"It was a good experience because my family and friends could come watch me play, and I enjoyed that," Little said. "We weren't as successful my second year as we were my first, and that was disappointing, but that stuff happens."

Little has a year left before he will receive his degree in psychology. The schedule of the NPSL team allows him to go to school as he continues his soccer career.

"It will be nice to be playing close to home again," Little said. "It's good that I can work around my classes. I can go to practice in the morning and school in the evening."

Little attended the recently completed Pepsi Cola Granite City High School Tournament of Champions at Granite City. He knows the value the present

squad will get from seeing heroes of the past.

"I know a few of the people on the team," Little said. "It's nice to come back and support the team. When I was here, the older guys used to come back and watch us play, and that meant a lot to us. I enjoy going out there to watch the games and talk to the coaches."

"I think it's a great opportunity for him, and the Ambush are getting a great player," Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker said. "He moves off the ball, he reads the game so well and

plays with such tenacity."

Little has already ambushed the opposition. In the NPSL Preseason Tournament and Soccer Fest in Cleveland last weekend, Little scored three goals.

"The main thing is that I want to try to stay in the starting rotation and get as much playing time as possible," Little said. "Indoor consists of a lot of scoring, so I have to score to succeed. As a rookie, I want to make the most of the opportunities I get. Hopefully, we can have a successful season."

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ICC educates consumers

As Illinois prepares to phase in customer choice in its electric service restructuring process this October, the chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission said the agency is continuing its effort to educate consumers about the new law

and the power of choice it delivers.

"Illinois is joining other states in opening up the electricity market to competition. When they passed this landmark legislation, Illinois legislators were particularly interested in the economic benefits a restructured electric service marketplace would bring to the state's business community as well as potential price and service options for customers," said ICC Chairman Richard Mathias. "The Illinois Commerce Commission's education program was developed to help consumers understand the process and their options in order to make educated choices."

The ICC's education campaign, "It's Time to Get Plugged In," will focus on attracting widespread consumer awareness of electric service restructuring which delivers the power of choice to selected non-residential customers on October 1, 1999. As part of the consumer education effort, the ICC had developed educational materials, including a brochure and web site and implemented a statewide media and grassroots outreach plan.

The ICC offering Illinois electric customers a free brochure, A Consumer's Guide to Electric Service Restructuring, available through the agency's toll free number at 1-877-758-4464.

"Our brochure and website both offer details on the restructuring process and provide consumers with a checklist to help them determine the best electric supplier," said Mathias. "According to the ICC chairman, electricity is a three-step process. The process begins with generation, the production of electricity. The second step, transmission sends high voltage power to distribution points. Finally, through distribution, electricity is delivered to businesses and residences."

"Through restructuring, consumers will have the opportunity to choose their supplier, the company who provides the generation portion of their electricity. Yet, unless you choose differently, your current electric company will continue to handle all three steps," said Mathias. "Even if you choose a new electric supplier, your current electric utility remains responsible for delivering your electricity and is required by law to provide you with reliable delivery service."

Power will be marketed to Illinois consumers by alternative retail electric suppliers (ARES), group buyers, or utilities selling outside their service areas. Customers may choose an electric supplier based on their own needs and preferences which may include how or where the electricity is produced, economic or environmental support, the lowest price or total cost or the best combination of prices, services and incentives.

"The Illinois Commerce Commission is responsible for the implementation of the new law and ensuring that electric utilities, alternative providers and other key entities are acting in accordance with the law," said ICC Executive Director Charles Fisher. "We are committed to protecting Illinois consumers throughout this process."

As with every other product you choose to buy, there is competition for your business among different companies and suppliers. The same will be true for companies who want to supply you with electric power.

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News

GCHS to host College Night

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

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The event is sponsored by the GCHS Guidance Department, and will be in the cafeteria from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27.

"It gives the kids and their parents an opportunity to meet with representatives of colleges from all over the Midwest," said Counselor Cheryl Evans. "It gives them a chance to meet face to face and ask questions."

Students will have the opportunity to evaluate various schools and vocational areas, including accreditation, state licensing, available courses, tuition costs, financial aid, placement assistance and facilities.

In addition to four-year colleges, students will have a chance to look over community colleges, vocational training schools and the military.

Evans said college night is "mostly" geared toward juniors and seniors, but freshmen and sophomores are welcome.

She said students and parents are starting to consider college choices earlier. "With the cost of going to school, it pays to be a well-informed consumer," she said.

Preparing for college now starts in middle school, when students decide if they think they want to attend college or vocational schools.

"Kids who already have a pretty firm idea that they do want to go to college after high school are enrolled in college prep classes their freshman year," Evans said. "It takes time to work all

those classes in."

Most students wait until their junior and senior years to where they want to go.

"Most of them wait until the latter half of the junior year," she said. "We encourage kids to make visits during the summer to different schools they are considering. It's also important that they get those applications in earlier in their senior years."

"If you want to get accepted to the school of your choice and get housing it's important to get started early," she added.

While the "lion's share" of GCHS students will attend either Belleville Area College or Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, she said other state schools such as Eastern Illinois University, SIU-C and Illinois State University also attract a lot of attention.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 26: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, and jelly, banana, 8-ounce milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese on deli bun with lettuce and tomato, baked beans, pineapple chunks, 8-ounce milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27: Breakfast: Blueberry squares, cinnamon apple sauce, 8-ounce milk. Lunch: Nachos with cheese sauce, chili, whole kernel corn, slice of bread, orange juice with dried pears, 8-ounce milk.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28: No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29: No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 28: Burrito, nacho chips, peas and mixed fruit.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29: Fish sticks, peas, French fries and applesauce.

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY, OCT. 25: Breakfast: Cereal or toast and choice of milk. Lunch: Bologna sandwich, Doritos and salsa, peaches, fruit drink, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26: Breakfast: Turnovers and choice of milk. Lunch: Sausage pizza, tossed salad

with dressing, applesauce, fruit drink, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27: Breakfast: Sausage pancake and choice of milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, potato chips, peaches, fruit, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28: Breakfast: Doughnuts and choice of milk. Lunch: Toasted ravioli, bread, corn, pineapple chunks, fruit drink, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29: Breakfast: Pop Tarts and choice of milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, peas, applesauce, fruit drink, choice of milk.

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MONDAY, OCT. 25: Hot dog or chili dog on bun, French fries, carrots and peas.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26: Pizza burger on bun, salad, corn and raisins and nuts.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27: Meat and gravy over mashed potatoes or rice, peas, bread and pudding.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28: Barbecue ham on bun, noodles, green beans and pineapples.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29: Meatless spaghetti, salad, bread, applesauce and a special treat.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 26: Sloppy Joes, parsley potatoes, mixed vegetables, bun and fruit cocktail.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27: Harvest beef stew, vegetables, creamy cole slaw, biscuits and sliced peaches.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower with cheese sauce, wheat bread, orange sherbet.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29: Halloween Dinner: BBQ goblets, delights, buzzard fingers, birds eye on a stick, pumpkin patch and brain pull-apart. **Reservations should be made one day in advance. Make reservations by calling 877-4373. Seniors 60 and over are always welcome.** Full cost of the meal is \$4; the suggested donation for seniors is \$2.



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Grants help school district keep pace technologically

By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

The schools in Collinsville are trying to stay a cut above the rest when it comes to technology. Collinsville Unit 10 Technology Director Susan Homes has helped the district receive many technology grants both federal and state.

Since the district adopted a three-year technology plan in 1997, Unit 10 keeps going beyond anyone's expectations. With the last computer lab being opened at Summit School, every student now has computer access in the district through their labs.

Currently, there are more than two-thirds of the classrooms in the district that have at least one computer. The rest of the classrooms are scheduled to receive a computer or pod of six computers in the next year. By the end of the calendar year, each classroom will have at least one computer with Internet access.

In a few years, it is planned to replace half of

the computers at the high school. Those older computers will then be placed in the elementary school classrooms.

Webster School and Hollywood Heights School have six computers in each of their classrooms. This is due to their participation in the federal LITES program, which entitled every classroom participating to six computers.

Homes and Phyllis Cler, Unit 10 curriculum specialist, created the LITES program and was granted \$10 million to be allotted over a several-year period. This program was then replicated in other districts all over the country.

Collinsville has one of the only female staff of computer support specialists in the country with one in each elementary school, one at North Junior High School and two at Collinsville High School.

"We are very fortunate to have the people to help make the computer system such a success," Homes said.

Since 1997, the district has received more than \$1.5 million dollars in grant funding, created a computer development staff of 18 and changed the student/computer ratio to 5-to-1.

Baker receives 15-year sentence

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Fantasyland owner Everett O. Baker, 60, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on federal money laundering charges Thursday.

In addition to the prison sentence, U.S. District Judge William Steinhilber ordered that Baker forfeit \$4.4 million in profits from his sex businesses, as well as the Fantasyland complex in Brooklyn.

On Thursday, U.S. marshals closed the complex, which included the Fantasyland Massage Parlor, nightclub, bookstore and theater-arcade.

In December, Baker had been found guilty of 15 counts of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 involving proceeds of unlawful activity in connection with prostitution at the complex.

Prosecutors said that between 1990 and April 7, 1997, Baker laundered in excess of \$8 million in prostitution proceeds derived from his massage parlor business. They also said Baker used proceeds from prostitution to make payments on a construction loan for the building.

A jury found Baker guilty on all counts after a seven-week trial.

Highlights of the trial included testimony from the husband of one of the workers who barged in on her while she was performing a sex act on another man, testimony from Brooklyn's mayor and police chief saying they didn't know prostitution was occurring at the business and accusations that Internal Revenue Service agent John Schuster attempted to coerce sex from Barbara DeClue of Kirkwood, Mo., one of Baker's employees.

At the sentencing hearing, W. Charles Grace, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, said government officials presented evidence showing that there was "no evidence" to back up DeClue's account.

"In fact, the investigation revealed that Schuster had a credit card receipt showing that he was at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Fairview Heights at about the time DeClue alleged she had encountered Schuster in Brooklyn."

Stiehl said that DeClue's testimony was "unbelievable and was the most egregious example of lying in his courtroom that he had ever experienced."

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This precious time never can be retrieved. One may lose and regain money, an opportunity once spurned may return, and friends might come and go, but the hours that are lost in idleness can never be brought back.

Be watchful of how you spend your precious time. The future is approaching ever so quickly. Take a moment to discover the joy of today.

Live in the present. Forget about past mistakes, regrets or shame.

These thoughts are useless. The world goes on and, as Longfellow said, "Let us be up and doing with a heart for any fate, still achieving, still pursuing."

Just for today let us not be timid, let us act in the living present and believe the best.

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Catherine Galasso

hurts of yesterday are gone, the joy of tomorrow is created by what you do today.

Treasure life's simple pleasures of now.

Slow down and open your heart to the glory that each moment holds.

The greatest honor we can give to God is to live joyfully because of the knowledge of His love.

Partake in the great outdoors.

Be still and allow God to speak to you through the serenity of nature.

Nature is soothing and delightful.

Hike in the woods, collect leaves, and watch a sunset.

Listen to the sounds of beauty," wrote Nan Iselin via e-mail.

"The birds gracefully singing at peace in the trees. Notice the movement of the wind through the boughs, expressing a concert just for you."

Be content and bask in nature's sweet tranquility.

Talk and laugh with children. Play games with them or read funny stories. A sense of humor is the result of the ability to see the sunny side of life.

Humor can keep you from taking a situation or yourself too seriously. Maintain a sense of proportion when things are not going right for you. Do your best for today and get into the habit of being optimistic.

Be as cheerful as you can be.

Smile at yourself and the world to maintain the grace of giving and forgiving life.

Experiment with a favorite hobby.

Make the time for the things you personally enjoy. Boost your spirits with exercise.

Take cooking lessons, join a book club, or learn another language.

Creative outlets can enlarge our world.

Spend time with people you love.

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The best season of your life is now.

But you must choose to do something to make it so. Our existence here is a gift. Realize how quietly wonderful life is. Greet the morning with thanksgiving and prayer.

Ask God, "What good things can I do today to make You happy?" Then do them.

You will find life is glorious and full of wonder for we serve a gracious God.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@prmary.net.

Veterans Assistance Commission suing county

By April Calvin
Staff writer

Area veterans are being pushed to the sidelines, says the St. Clair County Veterans Assistance Commission.

For that reason the VAC Superintendent has filed suit against the St. Clair County Board. The VAC offers emergency aid to veterans and their families.

In need, at least, that was the idea when it was formed. In practice, VAC officials must often turn applicants away because the money simply is not available.

The Military Veterans Assistance Act requires the head of a veterans' relief association to apply for a writ of mandamus on the county board chair whenever there is a deficit of funds and a need exists for aid for veterans.

Charles Snyder, VAC superintendent, filed a lawsuit against the St. Clair County Board some five years ago, when it became clear no further funds were forthcoming.

A local court dismissed the case. On Oct. 6, the 5th District

Appellate Court heard the arguments in the case. A decision is pending.

County Board chairman John Barrie could not be reached for comment.

"Veterans are like anyone else," Snyder said. "They're living on paycheck to paycheck."

This case is similar to one in Will County dating to 1995.

Will County's VAC Superintendent, James Denbow, said the county cut his salary, as St. Clair County has done to Snyder.

"Our state association really can't understand why St. Clair County is wasting taxpayers' money," Denbow said.

Each VAC is run by a board of volunteers, active in such organizations as the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Though supported by tax money, the VACs are not units of government.

"We got a unanimous decision against the county," said Denbow.

Now that their place in the county has been clarified by the courts, Denbow said, "The county executives treat us like any other department."

"We have a great relationship."

Police blotter

OUTSTANDING WARRANT: Ilean M. Finley, 21, of 115 S. Ruby Lane, was arrested on an outstanding warrant after being stopped for speeding at 7:27 a.m. Oct. 12 at Plaza Drive and North Rusty Lane.

DUI: After he was stopped by police for failure to signal at 9:37 p.m. Oct. 11, Thomas S. Smith, 29, of Washington Park was arrested for driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol, possession of a suspended driver's license, lack of auto insurance and obstruction of justice.

Joseph J. Pazzera, 24, of Lebanon, was arrested for driving under the influence at 11:37 p.m. Oct. 11 after being stopped on Salem Place for improper lane usage and disobeying a traffic control device.

Christopher S. Prokop, 24, of 150 St. Clair Drive, was arrested for driving under the influence after being stopped for speeding in the 600 block of Ashland Drive at 12:58 a.m. Oct. 12.

Michael A. Schumert, 45, of O'Fallon, was arrested for driving under the influence after being stopped at 7:23 p.m. Oct. 12 for failure to signal.

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Automotive

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Suzuki's Grand Vitara Limited gets even plusher

By Tom Strongman

The difference between Suzuki's Vitara and Grand Vitara is like black and white, which just so happened to be the colors of the ones I drove.

Last year, Suzuki redesigned the Sidekick so thoroughly that it gave the line a new name. The upscale version, complete with V-6 engine, bigger wheels and a higher level of equipment, is called Grand Vitara. In its first year it was widely regarded as one of the leaders in the small-SUV category that contains Toyota's RAV4 and Honda's CR-V.

This year, however, the Grand Vitara gets a run for its money by Nissan's upstart Xterra, which is larger.

The plain vanilla Vitara has a four-cylinder engine, cloth upholstery and few frills. Chevrolet sells

the same basic vehicle as the Tracker.

I drove a 1999 four-door, four-wheel-drive Vitara that had a sticker price of \$18,429. It is a basic vehicle with a utilitarian feel. Its 12-horsepower engine feels a bit coarse when you give it full throttle to merge onto the freeway or climb a hill, in part because it had to be worked so hard. In city driving it seemed adequate.

Fortunately, the five-speed manual gear-box allows the driver to make the best use of the engine. The optional four-speed automatic would be quieter, but I suspect it would drag down performance.

The Grand Vitara, on the other hand, feels considerably more substantial than the regular Vitara. Flared fenders and bigger tires give it a pumped-up, puffed-out look like Mighty Mouse. Its 2.5-liter V-6 engine is so willing, and works so smoothly, that while its 155-horsepower is less than some other V-6s of comparable size, it scoots along pleasantly.

The Grand Vitara feels more confident because its V-6 gathers speed deliberately and the larger wheels and tires tighten up the ride

and make it feel more secure. The front suspension uses MacPherson struts and coil springs, while a five-link, coil-spring design is used in back.

The body is stiffer than the old Sidekick, plus it rides atop a steel, ladder-type frame that adds strength and ruggedness. The Grand Vitara was less sensitive to side winds and turns, plus it seemed to have less sway than the standard Vitara.

The Limited model, added for 2000, has leather seats, gold trim, tinted rear windows, a six-disc CD player and a spare tire cover. Suzuki offers a lot of luxury equipment in a small package. The drawback is that it pushes up the price considerably.

The Grand Vitara's 97.6-inch wheel base is longer than Toyota's RAV4 and shorter than Honda's CR-V. Interior volume of all three is quite similar. The Suzuki's back seat is snug but tolerable for adults. The split-folding rear seat drops down after pulling one pin, but headrests have to be removed. There are 16 storage compartments throughout.

Nice touches include sections of dimpled texture on the steering

wheel where the driver's hands fall, gauges with a three-dimensional look and finger holds molded into the door pulls. A Micron-Air system with removable pollen filter keeps dust out of the cabin. Shifting into four-wheel drive while under way can be done at speeds less than 62 mph, which is useful should you encounter a patch of snowy road, for example. The two-speed transfer case offers an extra-low range for more serious off-pavement work.

Inside, the instrument panel's hard surface doesn't match up to the rest of the vehicle. The radio has minuscule buttons that are tough to decipher and tougher still to operate.

The Grand Vitara's leather seats are quite pleasant, although the base model's cloth upholstery is certainly fine.

If you're driven by price alone, then the regular Vitara is fine, but if you can afford it, opt for the Grand Vitara because it feels like a more substantial vehicle.

The Vitara's base price was \$17,999, and its sticker was \$18,429. The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.



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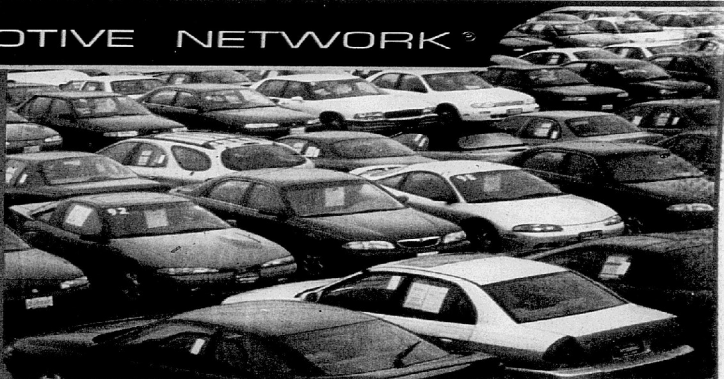
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